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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PINS, MY

SUBJ: EDITORIAL ON TERRORIST INCIDENT

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF EDITORIAL IN AUG 9 EDITION OF  
GOM-INFLUENCED DAILY "NEW STRAITS TIMES" WHICH WE BELIEVE  
IS INTERESTING AND PERCEPTIVE WRAP-UP OF THIS PAST WEEK'S  
EVENTS: BEGIN TEXT: "OVER, THANK GOD  
"THE WHOLE TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE IS OVER. CONGRATULATORY  
MESSAGE HAVE COME AND MESSAGE OF THANKS, ESPECIALLY TO  
LIBYA AND SRI LANKA, DESPATCHED. MERCIFULLY NO ONE HAS DIED.  
THE BEST HAS BEEN MADE OF A POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS INCIDENT  
-- TO NO MEAN EXTENT AS A RESULT OF THE SUPERB CRISIS  
MANAGEMENT OF TAN SRI GHAZALI SHAFIE. SEVERAL POINTS  
HAVE BEEN BROUGHT HOME, THE MOST BASIC THE FACT THAT  
MALAYSIA, INDEED EVERY NATION, CAN BECOME SO EASILY  
EMBROILED IN THE QUARRELS OF OTHERS. SEVERAL QUESTIONS  
REMAIN, HOWEVER, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH ARE HOW THE TERRORISTS  
GOT THEIR WEAPONS AND THE VITAL INFORMATION UPON WHICH  
THEIR ATTACK WAS SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED.  
"JAPAN HAS COME OUT OF IT ALL WORST. HAVING BEEN  
ACCOMMODATING FOR THE VERY BEST OF REASONS, AND RELEASED  
THE FIVE RED ARMY MEN IN ITS JAILS -- THUS GAINING THE  
APPRECIATION OF MALAYSIA -- TOKYO PLAYED TOUGH OVER THE  
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SMALL DETAILS -- DRIVING TAN SRI GHAZALI TO NEAR EXASPERATION.

INDEED, AT ONE POINT THE HOME MINISTER INFORMED THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR THAT IF HIS GOVERNMENT COULD NOT GIVE THE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CREW TO FLY THE AIRCRAFT, HE WOULD PROVIDE A MALAYSIAN CREW TO DO THE JOB. TOKYO MIGHT HAVE HAD ITS REASONS FOR SPINNING OUT THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE HOPE OF TIRING THE TERRORISTS. BUT THIS WAS A COURSE FRAUGHT WITH DANGER.

"THERE IS OF COURSE NO FOOLPROOF DEFENSE AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. THE PRINCIPAL DIFFICULTY OF REFUGEE DENIAL AS A DETERRENT IS THE QUESTION OF CREDIBILITY. TO ARGUE THAT NO COUNTRY SHOULD ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS IS TO CALL FOR THE REJECTION OF ALL BARGAINING WITH THEM -- NO MATTER THE NUMBER OF LIVES INVOLVED, ITSELF AN INCREDIBLE SCENARIO. THE MOST THAT MALAYSIA CAN DO NOW IS MAKE IT PLAIN THAT IT WILL NOT BE SO EASY THE NEXT TIME. THERE MUST BE GREATER INTERNATIONAL INFORMATIONAL COOPERATION AGAINST THE TERRORIST. SECURITY PRECAUTIONS FOR LIKELY TARGETS MUST BE TIGHTENED, THE SPECIAL SERVICES UNIT STRENGTHENED, THE BAGGAGE OF ALL NON-DIPLOMATIC VISITORS, INCLUDING SPORTS TEAMS AND THE LIKE, THOROUGHLY SEARCHED." END TX  
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